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e-Auction of sites fetches Rs.130 crore for MUDA

Dr. Natesh

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (RK&DM)- The cash-strapped Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), which had been looking at newer avenues of revenue, seems to have succeeded in achieving this to some extent, as the Government Body has fetched a whopping Rs.130 crore through e-Auction of 196 sites out of the 300 it had put up for auction recently.

Wanting for funds, MUDA decided to auction 300 sites available in dimensions of 20'x30', 30'x40', 30'x50', 60'x40' and 50'x80' at nine premier localities of the city namely, Saraswathipuram, Vijayanagar, Dattagalli, Lalithadrinagar, Shanthaveri Gopalagowdanagar, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, Srirampura, R.T. Nagar and Vasanthnagar.

The online auction of sites took place between Aug.13 and 20, during which MUDA succeeded in disposing off 196 out of the 300 sites. As there was only a single bidder for each of the remaining 104 sites, MUDA decided not to allot these sites and wait for another round of auction, expecting that there will be more bidders.

The Authority has fetched a whopping Rs.130 crore from the e-Auction of 196 sites, the online auction of which ended on Aug. 20, in four registration phases with 75 sites in each phase.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh told *Star of Mysore* that the successful bidders had to remit 25 percent of the site bid value within three days of the auction and the remaining 75 percent in the next 45 days or with an Interest thereupon.

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VC inaugurates Fumigation Chamber at ORI

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, VC, UoM, looking at palm-leaf scripts at ORI this morning. Others seen are** (from left) **Prof. S. Shivarajappa, Director, ORI, Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, UoM and Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Chief Coordinator, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology and Museology.

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (PM&SSV)- A full-fledged Fumigation Chamber at Oriental Research Institute (ORI) is likely to become a reality in one year, said Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM).

He was speaking after inaugurating the Fumigation Chamber and World Environment Day celebrations organised by ORI, UoM, in association with Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology and Maharaja's College Sanskrit Department at ORI in city this morning.

Describing the ORI as a 'treasure trove', the VC said the Institute would give an insight to current generation about past.

The need of the hour was to protect palm scripts and manuscripts for the coming generations. The fumigation process was like a pre-preparation for the digitalisation. Efforts would be made to make a full-fledged fumigation centre within one year, the VC said. *[See also page 9]*

(See ORI on page 7)

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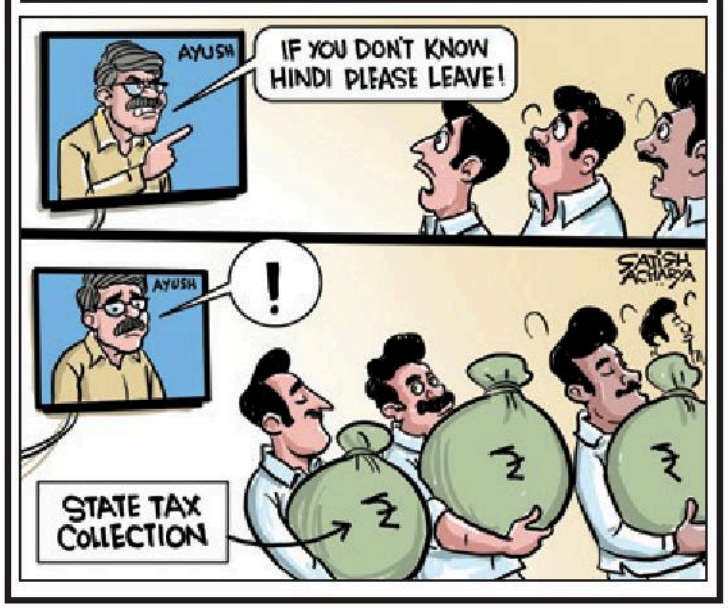
By Satish Acharya



Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	202
Total positive cases	:	12,598
Discharges yesterday	:	2,240
Total discharges	:	9,542
Deaths yesterday	:	25
Total deaths	:	345
Total active cases	:	2,711

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RANGE OF SANITIZERS AND HANDWASH
STOP THE SPREAD

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 25th August 2020

Winners of Online Project Exhibition

Karthik *Shwetha* *Jayakumar* *Pooja*

Sangeetha *Tarun* *Sharath Subrhamanya*

Mysuru, Aug. 25- The students of ATME College of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics, have won first prize in the Inter-collegiate Online Project Competition organised by GSSSIETW, Mysuru, on Aug.13.

More than 40 Project Teams participated in the online event and demonstrated their project work. Among the above, two final year Project Teams from ATMECE have received Best Project Work Award and a Cash Prize for the project titled "Development of Glass Cleaning Robots for Buildings." This project was carried out by H.R. Karthik, B.V. Shwetha, B. Jayakumar and K.R. Pooja under the guidance of H. Swapna, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE.

The College also got Best Project Presentation Award for the Project titled "Automated Fertiliser and Seed Vending Machine" presented by B. Sangeetha, M.K. Sharath Subrhamanya and R. Tarun under the guidance of R. Shreeshayana, Assistant Professor, Department of EEE.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Bengal may not have produced successful international politicians but when it comes to the Nobel Prize, from Rabindranath Tagore to Amartya Sen to Abhijit Banerjee, Bengalis are having their rosogolla and eating it too. Andhra Pradesh may similarly claim that every second software engineer in Silicon Valley speaks Telugu. Karnataka can be proud that Britain's Chancellor of the exchequer is a Kannadiga son-in-law, Indian origin Rishi Sunak being married to N.R. Narayana Murthy's daughter. As for Bihar, it can claim that decades before other States, it already produced world leaders. The families of Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, former Governor General of Mauritius and Anerood Jugnauth, President and Prime Minister of Mauritius, migrated from Bihar. With so many India-born leaders in foreign countries — outside politics, Madurai-born Sundar Pichai heads Google and Hyderabad-born Satya Nadella heads Microsoft — Indians are chanting Raja Hindustani. In the race for global domination, it's time to say, move over chow mein, the masala dosa is here. However there's an irony in our celebrations. US citizen Kamala Harris' Tamil origins are hailed as 'swadeshi' but Indian citizen Sonia Gandhi's Italian origins are still criticised as 'videshi.'

— Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Town coated in cocoa powder after factory glitch

Olten: Residents of a Swiss town got a bit of a shock when it started snowing fine cocoa powder after the ventilation system at a chocolate factory malfunctioned.

The Lindt & Spruengli company confirmed local reports Tuesday that there was a minor defect in the cooling ventilation for a line for roasted "cocoa nibs" in its factory in Olten, between Zurich and Basel. The nibs, fragments of crushed cocoa beans, are the basis of chocolate.

Combined with strong winds on Friday morning, the powder spread around the immediate vicinity of the factory, leaving a fine cocoa dusting. The company says one car was lightly coated, and that it has offered to pay for any cleaning needed — but hasn't yet been taken up on the offer.

The company said that the particles were completely harmless to people or the environment.

Man sells truck for same price he paid 44 years ago

Minnesota: A Minnesota man sold the 1957 Chevy pickup he drove for 44 years for $75, the same price he paid decades ago. Bob Sportal of Prinsburg handed over the key last month to the grandson of the man he bought the truck from.

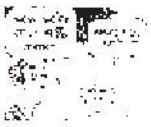
Sportal was in his early 20s when he bought the pickup from a retiring farmer. He drove the truck to work every day at a local grain elevator until he retired five years ago.

Sportal decided to sell it to Tom Leenstra, grandson of the late John VanDerVeen, who originally sold the truck to Sportal. "It's like riding with my Grandpa again," Leenstra said.

The truck has antique value, but Sportal decided to sell it for what he paid for it. "It's going in the family, so that's the most important thing," Sportal said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much DNA do humans share with apes?



"We are apes in every way, from our long arms and tailless bodies to our habits and temperament," says primate scientist Frans De Waal of Emory University. We humans share 96% of our DNA with the great apes.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

No power supply on Aug. 26 and Aug. 27

Mysuru, Aug. 25- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Aug. 26 and 27 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Devanur Power Distribution Centre: Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigarahundi, Nehru Nagar, Sathagalli village, DTS Rao Nagar, VTU College, Bharat Nagar and surrounding areas.

Rajivnagar Power Distribution Centre: Rajivnagar 2nd Ctage, Christian Colony, Yasin Masjid, Suryanarayana Temple Road, Al Masjid Circle, Ambedkar Road, Quba Masjid Circle, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Kamanakere, KHB Layout, RTO, Asina Layout, Rajivnagar 3rd Stage and surrounding areas.

Mandakalli Power Distribution Centre: Jnanaganga Layout, Srinagar, BTA Layout, Mahalakshmi Layout, Venkatadri Layout, Saroja Layout, Siddappa Layout, Vasanth Layout, KSRTC Layout, Vijayakumar Layout, Silktech Layout, Siddalingeshwara Layout, MCRTC Layout, Aishwarya Layout, Shivanand Bharati Layout, BEML Layout, Sharada Layout, Gurukula Layout, Nestle Layout, M.K. Mahesh Layout, Bhavani Layout, RK Layout, Thibbadevi Farm, Avalakki Factory, BTA Layout, 'D' Zone MUDA Layout, Koppalur village, Drushti Enclave, Vinayaka Enclave, Hulugadri Layout, Pushpakumari Layout and surrounding areas.

Karya Power Distribution Centre: Hadya, Kahalli, Kamalli, Karya, Aralikattehundi, Banur, Chinnamballi, Chunchanahalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkarahatti, Bogayyanahundi villages.

Maradihundi Power Distribution Centre: Tummanerale and Hosakote villages, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

Really...?

- *Only the males are called peacocks. Females are called peahens.*
- *Baby elephants suck their trunks for comfort.*
- *There was once a type of crocodile that could gallop.*
- *Flamingos are naturally white — their diet of brine shrimp and algae turns them pink.*
- *Cowbirds use secret passwords to teach their young.*
- *Baby Tasmanian devils make life-long friendships*
- *Humpback whales use bubbles to hunt.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A Government Official was arrested for accepting bribe from a contractor. A friend, who went to visit him in the lock-up asked, "How are you going to get out of this mess?"
The Official replied calmly, "I got into trouble for accepting bribe, I will get out of it by giving it !"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.31
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.33
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.23
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.73

VOICE OF THE READER

Civic issues galore in Vijayanagar 1st Stage

Sir,

I wish to draw the attention of the civic authorities concerned towards the following issues:

General litter, strewn garbage, overgrown weeds, partying roadside and in public spaces like parks and inadequate lighting in these areas, mushrooming of eateries and snack joints and their ill-effects are unabated in the city. Even main roads and prominent areas are not spared, leave alone the interior and peripheral parts of the city.

I wish to highlight one such spot on New Kalidasa Road, 4th Cross, 10th Main, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, narrow road next to the MUDA Park. Customers to the few eateries and coffee shops, ice-cream parlours park their vehicles haphazardly further narrowing the road, people spread out in the area and road. Then they litter the area with the waste, beer bottles etc. Arguments and fights are routine.

They also relieve themselves roadside. The Police come, stay for a few minutes and disappear without any definitive action.

Most of the young crowd do not even wear masks, no distancing inside the roadside eateries. The noise disturbance to the otherwise peaceful residential locality with many seniors, elders and students is enormous.

Afternoons and late evenings attract fringe elements to the park, alcohol bottles and other filth are littered within and outside the park. Most lights in the park are either damaged or not switched on.

Very recently the CESC (I presume) staff cut branches of many trees inside and outside the park and left them on the fence, compound walls, walkways in the park and roadside. Who is supposed to clear them, the park goers, drivers, house owners?

We, the citizens who pay regular taxes, follow rules and expect nothing more than a decent, quiet, healthy environment particularly in this time of pandemic request the concerned authorities to look into all the above issues and take corrective action as early as possible.

— Dr. M.N. Ravi
for citizens of the area
Vijayanagar 1st Stage
22.8.2020

Rajya Puraskar for city Scouts and Guides

Rajya Puraskar is conferred on Scouts and Guides, who engage themselves in social work for a period of nine months and clear the State Government examination conducted by Bharat Scouts and Guides. Picture shows the students of Kautilya Vidyalaya, Mysuru, who have cleared the exam and bagged the prestigious Rajya Puraskar under two different categories — Scouts: K.N. Dhyan, Nithin Krishna, Saith Prakash, Shreyas Kumar, G. Likith, Prateek Chopra and Aatish Raj; Guides: Shubangi, Amulya and Janvi Chethan Patel. Kautilya Vidyalaya Chairman R. Raghu, Sr. Principal Dr. L. Savitha, Scouts and Guides Captain and Physical Education teacher Shwetha are also seen.

Obituary

R. Puttaraju

Mysuru, Aug. 25- R. Puttaraju (71), a retired employee at the Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecution and a resident of Nazarbad passed away in the wee hours of today at his residence following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Konerira K. Chengappa

Konerira K. Chengappa (61), an ex-serviceman and a resident of Raghavendranagar passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Pramila (Iynanda), one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation was held in city.

Machianda Baby Nanjappa

Machianda Baby Nanjappa (Nellamakkada), wife of late M.C. Nanjappa and a resident of Halligattu village at Ponnampet in South Kodagu passed away at her daughter's residence in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase in city yesterday. She was 83.

She leaves behind three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation took place at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

K. Shivanna

K. Shivanna (74), a resident of Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage today.

R. Chinthamani

R. Chinthamani (71), a retired Sub-Inspector and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Anjanadevi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening.

Siddegowda

Siddegowda (87), a resident of Uppinahalli village in Nanjangud taluk passed away on Sunday.

He leaves behind two sons including Jayanagar Mahesh, President of Sir M. Visveswaraya Plumbing and Underground Drainage Workers Association, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his native place yesterday, according to family sources.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Water disruption

As there will be power disruption tomorrow (Aug. 26) in the following areas, water supply will also be disrupted in the following areas coming under Ward No.9 to 16, 28 to 39, 52 and 53: Kesare, Rajendranagar, Subhashnagar, N.R. Mohalla, Gandhinagar, Udayagiri, Rajivnagar, Shantinagar, Kalyanagiri, areas near Dr. Rajkumar Road, Yaraganahalli, Siddartha Layout, Alanahalli, Nandini Layout, Giridarshini Layout, Gousianagar, Kyathamaranahalli and other areas coming under NR Assembly constituency, according to a press release from VVWW.

Skill development

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation is offering free training in skill development and making mementos, under its carpentry and handicraft training programme, for unemployed youth belonging to backward classes (other than Vishwakarma, religious minorities, Arya Vaishya, Ambiga and other related sub-castes). Interested candidates may submit their applications along with all necessary documents to the Office of D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation, Mysuru, before Aug. 29. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2341194.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.64 ft
Yesterday	124.65 ft
Inflow	5,450 cusecs
Outflow	5,418 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.92 ft
Inflow	2,473 cusecs
Outflow	2,125 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.16 ft
Inflow	1,051 cusecs
Outflow	1,300 cusecs

Students, get ready to go to Schools, Colleges from Oct. 1

- Only four-hour classes a day • Syllabus reduced to 40-45%
- Strict implementation of social-distancing
- Precautions in institution campuses

Bengaluru, Aug. 25 (KMS& SSV)- Anticipating COVID-19 situation to come under control, the State Government is planning to re-open Schools and Colleges across the State from Oct. 1.

However, in order to make up for the loss of nearly three to four months, the Education Department plans to do away with nearly 40-45 percent of the syllabus. With this, students must get ready with their bags to attend the classes from Oct. 1.

According to information available, while Schools and Colleges are expected to resume functioning from Oct. 1, online classes for degree and other higher education courses will commence from Sept.1. The Department is pinning hopes of COVID-19 situation to improve by that time as the vaccine for this pandemic is expected to hit the market soon.

Precaution

As a prelude, the Department has decided to take certain precautions in Schools and Colleges. Social-distancing would be strictly implemented inside the campus and students would not be allowed to form groups. The classes would be conducted only for four hours daily. The idea behind reducing the syllabuses was to prevent mental stress on students.

Since the outbreak of pandemic in February-March this year, the State Government had ordered closure of all the educational institutions across the State to prevent spreading among kids.

Already, students from first to ninth standards and I PUC had been promoted to next classes without conducting examination. However, the postponed SSLC exams and pending English exam of II PUC were conducted amidst COVID with precautionary measures in place. Similarly, in higher education, except for final year, all other examinations had been cancelled.

Letter to PM to end elephant menace in Kodagu as killings rise

Mysuru, Aug. 25- With wild elephant menace continuing to cause havoc across Kodagu district, the Mysore City Pensioners Association has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Aug. 24, 2020 to address Man-Animal Conflict (with focus on elephants) issues at the earliest and thus save innocent lives.

Association President K.C. Biddappa said that he, also as the President of Coorg Wildlife Society, had earlier written a letter addressed to the PM on June 5, 2019 appealing for immediate intervention by the Central Government for resolving Man-Animal Conflict in Kodagu. But unfortunately no action has been initiated by the Central Government so far and killing of innocent citizens by wild elephants has reached dangerous and alarming proportions in Kodagu.

Maintaining that not a day passes without an innocent citizen getting killed or maimed by wild elephants inside human habitations in Kodagu, Biddappa said that people are simply scared to work in estates and agricultural fields and locals have stopped their daily walk,with the situation already having reached alarming proportions despite the best efforts of the State Forest Department.

Lack of resources and adequate number of trained manpower and total lack of support

Narendra Modi

K.C. Biddappa

from the Central Government, may perhaps be the main reasons for the failure to end the menace, he observed.

Pointing out that fencing of vulnerable areas with Rails Tentacle fencing, clearing the encroachments across the Elephant Corridor, selective sterilisation of old bull elephants to stabilise its population and creating dedicated enclaves inside the forest to restrict the migration of elephants are some of the practical solutions that can be considered for ending the menace, he appealed the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests to immediately constitute a High Powered Committee consisting of wildlife experts from the Centre and the State for suggesting out of the box implementable and practical solutions within a stipulated time frame.

Noting that any further delay will more aggravate the already worsened situation, Biddappa requested the Prime Minister for initiating immediate action for saving innocent lives and thus provide solace and relief to the terrified citizens of Kodagu.

Karnataka prepares to implement NEP

Bengaluru, Aug. 25 (SSV)-The State Government was making preparations to bring amendments to administrative reforms as well as to the existing rules to implement the much-publicised National Education Policy (NEP), said Higher Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Speaking after inaugurating a five-day online workshop on "Highlights of National Education Policy and Implementation" organised by Bangalore University here on Monday, he said that the Government was chalking out all programmes with definite aim and clear guidelines for its implementation.

Karnataka would emerge as the first State in the entire country to bring into effect the much-needed NEP, he added.

The Minister said, since the beginning, the State was excited to implement the NEP and a high-level task force was constituted soon after the receipt of draft policy.

In fact, before and after the announcement of draft policy, several rounds of meetings had been held with the task force which had given suggestion to implement the policy in a phased manner.

Final recommendation from the task force is awaited. Thereafter, the Government would go ahead with bringing changes in both administration and legal aspects. The Government was planning to share information regarding the new policy with people as well as by holding the campaign across the State.

"Everyone knows that Karnataka is a most progressive State and implementation of the policy will change its direction. It is not only going to bring changes in all fields but also the outlook of the entire nation. Quality education will be assured in the coming days with which there would be improvement in all sectors. The field of education has power to make this happen," he said.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof. D.P. Singh and Vice-Chairman Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan also spoke.

Bangalore University VC Prof. K.R. Venugopal was present on the occasion.

NSUI stage protest against holding law exams

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (RK&KS)- The National Student's Union of India (NSUI), Mysuru district unit, condemning the announcement made by Karnataka State Law University (KSLU) of conducting law exams, staged a protest in front of Gandhiji's bust, opposite City Law Courts Complex here yesterday.

The protesters said that the University was harassing the students and added that the UGC guidelines clearly states that only final year exams must be conducted and all other students must be promoted without conducting exams. But the KSLU was hell-bent on conducting exams for students of first and second year too, the protesters said.

Pointing out that many students would arrive from various States and districts to take exams, the protests said that the KSLU had not made any arrangements for the law students taking up the exams to stay and added that all Paying Guest (PG) accommodations and hostels are closed due to COVID-19 pandemic, which would cause a lot of inconvenience to the students.

Stating that not even 50% of the syllabus has been completed and many students are yet to clarify doubts about the subjects taken up online, the protesters demanded that the students be promoted based on the marks they had obtained in the last year exams. NSUI District President H.A. Rafiq Ali and others took part in the protest.

Rider injured as scooter falls into uncovered 6 ft. deep Water Valve Chamber

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (MK&KS)- A 59-year-old two-wheeler rider sustained injuries when the scooter he was riding fell into a roadside uncovered Water Valve Chamber on Dr. Rajkumar Road near Kalyangirinagar last night. There were also no caution boards or barricades put up to warn the motorists about the presence of the chamber.

The scooterist, Devaraju, a resident of Sathagalli was proceeding on the road from Yeraganahalli side towards Sathagalli at about 8 pm yesterday and when he came near the BSNL Office, he suddenly noticed the 6ft. deep Water Valve Chamber. In a bid to avoid falling into the chamber, Devaraju lost control of his scooter, which fell into the chamber. Luckily, he (Devaraju) fell on the road sustaining injuries on his face, hands and legs. It would have been fatal for Devaraju if he had fallen into the deep Chamber.

Meanwhile, members of the public, Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Assistant Sub-Inspector Raju and Head Constable Syed Noorie managed to lift the scooter from the Chamber and shifted the injured to a private hospital.

Public said that the absence of a warning sign and barricades around the Chamber resulted in the mishap and added that it is common sense to place barricades around the uncovered chamber as a warning sign to motorists about the presence of the chamber and held authorities concerned responsible for the accident.

A few residents alleged that the earth which was excavated for asphalting the road recently has been dumped on the open space which was used as a playground and the excavated earth is dumped to such a height that it was blinding motorists who are unable to make out vehicles plying on the main road, which could also lead to accidents.

It may be recalled that similar absence of warning signs or barricades near the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at Belavatha had resulted in a car falling into a roadside pit which was allegedly dug up by the Railway Department last year.

A biker too had fallen into an open pit in Yadavagiri, dug up by Optical Fibre Cable laying firms injuring himself following which MCC issued an order stopping all cable-digging works in January this year.

Police Constables' presence of mind averts major fire mishap near Devaraja Market

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (MK&KS)- Timely display of presence of mind by three Traffic Police Constables averted a major fire mishap near Devaraja Market on Gowri-Ganesha festival day in city.

The three Police personnel attached to Devaraja Traffic Police Station identified as Head Constable Shivanna, Constables Shashikanth and Sugu, who were on duty near Devaraja Market noticed fire caused by short circuit at the electric box of Mysuru Coffee Works at Duplin Complex and immediately called the Fire Station and reported about the fire.

But by the time the fire tender arrived, the Police personnel, using their presence of mind, carried buckets of water and doused the fire, preventing it from spreading further, thus averting a major fire mishap.

Felicitated: Meanwhile, Duplin Complex Traders Association yesterday felicitated the three Police personnel for preventing the major fire mishap at the marketplace.

Inspectors Muniyappa and Arun, Sub-Inspector Lepaksha, Traders Association President Sathyanarayana Shetty and others were present.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	82
Total positive cases	:	4,226
Total discharges	:	2,647
Total deaths	:	45
Total active cases	:	1,534

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	29
Total positive cases	:	2,075
Total discharges	:	1,528
Total deaths	:	26
Total active cases	:	510

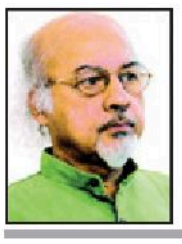
Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	35
Total positive cases	:	1,216
Total discharges	:	925
Total deaths	:	16
Total active cases	:	275

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	200
Total positive cases	:	6,192
Total discharges	:	4,083
Total deaths	:	158
Total active cases	:	1,951

The virtuous out, the virtual in



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Consider the emerging India that is Bharat. Consider a clutch of latest developments and their implications. Consider what is said and what is unsaid, what is done and what is undone. A few moments of such considerations cannot leave us elated or even modestly satisfied with what is happening to our land and our civilisation. Yet we have no choice but to consider them.

Item. The Supreme Court takes *suo moto* action against a lawyer who posted two Tweets critical of the judiciary. That the lawyer involved is Prashant Bhushan, a well-known activist, explains the story. According to the Court, the Tweets contained scurrilous allegations of a malicious nature. According to Bhushan, criticism of the Top Judge does not scandalise the Court. He declared that he was only exercising his freedom of speech. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, he said he would not apologise for his Tweets and would cheerfully accept whatever punishment was given by the Court.

It is important that a group of informed people went public with their support of the lawyer. While the Court found Bhushan guilty of contempt, the supporting group that defended him questioned the assumptions behind the contempt law itself. That a significant section of legal opinion criticised the rule of the Court reflected badly on the judiciary. Another group came up in support of the Court. This looked like a contrived tit for tat.

Item. BCCI, the all-powerful cricket authority, wants to introduce a bunch of amendments to its constitution removing the ban on office-bearers continuing after two terms. This change will enable Jay Shah, son of BJP President Amit Shah, to continue as Secretary of the Board for the third year in "public and national interests."

It is true that Jay Shah, after getting a B.Tech from Nirma University, took a cricket training course in Ahmedabad and was considered "a decent enough batsman." Our cricket-mad country is filled with decent enough batsmen and bowlers. They don't come into any Board.

Item. The Supreme Court decided against ordering the transfer of PM-CARES Fund contributions to the National Disaster Response Fund. Transparency campaigners and opposition leaders said this was a "body blow to the transparency and accountability of the Government." One critic said the judgement went against the need to tell those in power that they were not monarchs of the land, but servants of the people. We live in an age when servants are monarchs.

Item. The PM-CARES Fund meanwhile chose to respond to a question. In 2019-20, Rs. 3,076.62 crore was collected in addition to Rs. 39.68 lakh in foreign currency in the first five days after its formation, the response said. The generosity and the speed of the donations were unprecedented. This showed that the country was full of either rich people waiting for a moment to give their money to the people, or rich people who know who they must give their money to and when. The Prime Minister's Office showed its appreciation by repeatedly denying Right To Information (RTI) requests for details about the donors. Reason given: The Fund is not a public authority under the Act. It is clear that public authorities under various Acts know that the right to information are confined to the givers of information, not the receivers.

Item. Under the Constitution, education is in the concurrent list. That is, each State has the power to decide basic policies pertaining to education. But the new education policy announced by the Central Government is on the basis of the Centre being the ultimate authority on education policy. As a result of this decision, all authority will now rest with a Council consisting of the Prime Minister, some Chief Ministers he nominates and some Central Government Officers, also nominated by him. Not much imagination is required to guess the composition and policies of such a Council; it will implement the ruling party's ideals and purposes across the country. Are we seeing the beginnings of a new one history, one culture, one language, one religion approach to nation building? What nation such a policy will build is clear. Only that it won't be the nation we love and the world admires for its unity-in-diversity. It will be a new unity-or-else nation led by a party's policy enforcers.

We have more than 800 Universities in India today. A new phase of corporatisation has begun; the Ambani-led Jio has been given the permissions needed to start India's first Virtual University. The virtuous are things of past. The future belongs to the virtual.

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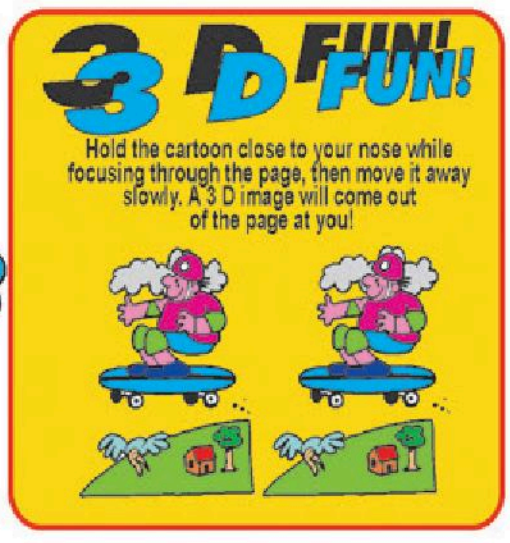
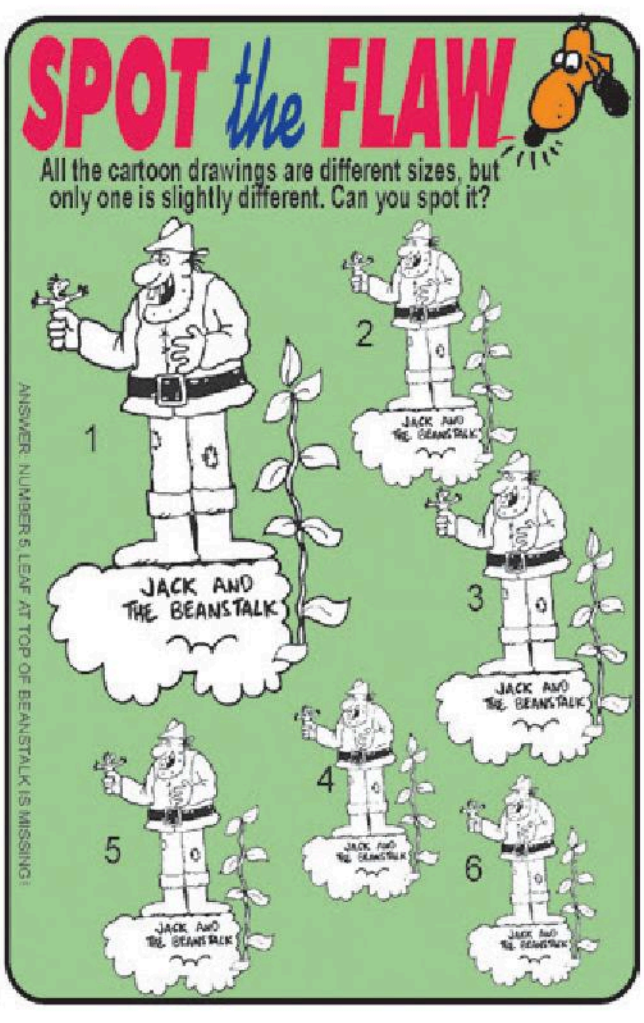

3D FUN!
Hold the cartoon close to your nose while focusing through the page, then move it away slowly. A 3 D image will come out of the page at you!


SPOT the FLAW
All the cartoon drawings are different sizes, but only one is slightly different. Can you spot it?
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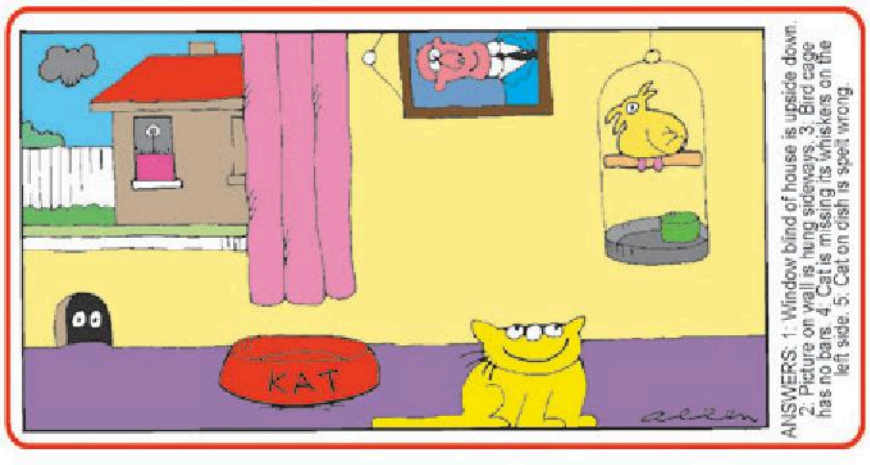
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK
ANSWER: NUMBER 5 LEAF AT TOP OF BEANSTALK IS MISSING!


KAT
ANSWERS: 1. Window blind of house is upside down. 2. Picture on wall is hung sideways. 3. Bird cage has no bars. 4. Cat is missing its whiskers on the left side. 5. Cat on dish is spelt wrong.

Rapid Antigen Testing continues at various venues in city

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (MTY&KS)- The Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT), launched by the District Administration to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the wake of exponential rise in the number of COVID positive cases, continued today too at various venues across the city.

Today, RAT is being conducted at Town Hall, Quba Public School at Udayagiri, CITB Choultry at Hebbal, Open Air Theatre at Manasagangothri, near Nagalingeshwara Temple at Kesare 3rd Stage, Makkala Koota at Krishnamurthypuram, Public Health Centres at Jockey Quarters and J.P. Nagar.

Testing commenced from 9.30 am, which saw good response as the public are voluntarily coming to these testing centres to get themselves tested for COVID.

To prevent rush, two separate counters are opened at each centre for registration. Those getting themselves tested should give their name, address and mobile phone number and only after the One Time Password (OTP) is received on the mobile phone, swab samples of that particular person is collected for testing.

Lab technicians collect the swab samples and two more technicians conduct the tests. There are two more technicians deployed to document the reports whether the sample is positive or negative.

Those testing positive are directed to isolate themselves till they are contacted by the Health Officials and follow their instructions.

Nasal swab samples being collected during the Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri this morning.

MLA Ramdas launches Corona awareness publicity vehicle

MLA S.A. Ramdas launching the Corona awareness vehicle near his Office at Vidyaranyapuram in city this morning.

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (MTY&KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas launched the Corona awareness publicity vehicle, brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Field Outreach Bureau, Mysuru, near his office at Vidyaranyapuram here this morning.

The publicity vehicle (autorickshaw), fitted with a public address system and banners, will travel across the city and rural places, announcing the steps to be taken to prevent contracting COVID-19 and also the steps to be taken to prevent the virus from spreading.

Field Outreach Bureau, Mysuru Dy. Director Dr. T.C. Poornima and others were present.

Former IPS Officer Annamalai joins BJP

Former IPS Officer K. Annamalai (centre) joined BJP in the presence of top party leaders P. Muralidhar Rao and Murugan at BJP headquarters in New Delhi this noon.

New Delhi, Aug.25 - K Annamalai, former IPS Officer of Karnataka cadre, who had taken voluntary retirement in May last year, joined BJP here this noon.

Popularly known as the 'Singham' of Karnataka, Annamalai, a native of Tamil Nadu, was known as an "upright", "honest" and a "brave" Officer. In fact, people started protests after he was transferred as SP of Udupi and Chikkamagaluru. He has been vocal with his nationalist sentiments and admiration for PM Modi. K. Muralidhar Rao, BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, welcomed him by offering him the party flag.

CM to visit New Delhi next week

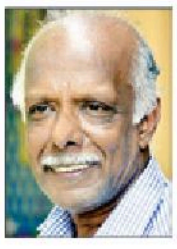
Belagavi, Aug. 25- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will visit New Delhi next week to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to seek relief for havoc caused by rains in North Karnataka region.

Speaking to reporters at Sambra Airport on Tuesday, he said that a meeting of Legislators of districts concerned would be convened soon to seek details about the extent of damages in their respective Constituencies.

After computing details, a memorandum would be prepared and submitted to the PM and other Ministers concerned seeking immediate release of funds to take up relief and rehabilitation. The CM said that Legislators must remain in their Constituencies to oversee ongoing rehabilitation works. Necessary works must be taken up out of NDRF funds in view of COVID-19. Deputy Commissioners concerned must send a detail report to the Government about damages caused by floods.

Obituary

A.L. Veerappan



Mysuru, Aug. 25- A.L. Veerappan (68), a senior Financial Consultant and a resident of Hebbal, passed away this morning in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, sons V.R. Alagappan and V.R. Aiyappan, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation was held today in city.

Fumigation Chamber at ORI

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What is Fumigation Chamber?

Normally chemical treatments are given using Fumigation Chambers to protect palm-leaves from white ants, fungus and other insects. Dried and powdered leaves of Aswagandha (Withania somnifera) in small packets are kept with the manuscripts covered in clothes to repel insect attack.

Degree exams next month

Later, talking to reporters, the VC said the University has decided to hold all degree examinations next month by taking all safety precautions.

On filling up vacant posts, he said the State Government has put a ban on fresh recruitment in view of COVID-19 situation. Besides, the University was awaiting reply from the Government regarding conducting K-SET examination for appointmment of Assistant Professors in Degree Colleges.

Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar, UoM, Dr. S. Shivarajappa, ORI Director, Prof. Anita Braggs, Principal, Maharaja's College, Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Chief Coordinator, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology and others were present on the occasion.

Dr. S. Subbaraman, Superintending Archaeological Chemist, Archaeological Survey of India, Government of India and former Director, INTACH, Bengaluru, who was the guest of honour, was not present.

e-Auction of sites fetches Rs.130 crore

(Continued from page 1)

Pointing out that MUDA will immediately issue Title Deeds to all successful buyers upon payment of the site bid value in full, he said that such Title Deed holders have the liberty to re-sell the sites if they want, without no waiting time.

Continuing, the Commissioner said that MUDA also has land measuring from 3 acres to 10 acres in its possession in prime localities such as Vijayanagar Second Stage, Dattagalli and J.P. Nagar, which can be used for executing the Authority's ambitious Affordable Group Housing Project.

Noting that there is a proposal to utilise the Rs.130 crore earned from e-Auction of sites for the execution of the Housing Project, he said that there is a great demand for Group Housing Schemes.

Dr. Natesh further said that MUDA has also planned to shortly auction as many as 150 CA (Civic Amenities) sites available with it to Trusts, Service Organisations, Associations, Educational Institutions and the like, which is expected to bring in more revenues in the coming days.

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The Secretary at the above address on or before
Wednesday, 2nd September 2020.

Suttur Mutt donates Rs. 1 lakh towards Zoo maintenance

Marking the 105th birth anniversary of Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji, Suttur Mutt presented a cheque for Rs.1 lakh to Mysuru Zoo authorities, to be used for feeding Zoo animals. Picture shows JSS Mahavidyapeetha Director (College Education Division) Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, Deputy Director Niranjan Murthy and Director (Administration Division) Shankarappa handing over the cheque to Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni and Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi at the Zoo this morning. Suttur Mutt has been donating to the Zoo on the occasion of the late Seer's birth anniversary for the past ten years.

Former Mayor demands direct credit of Pourakarmika salaries to Bank accounts

To stage demonstration tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (MTY&DM)- Accusing the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) of bowing to the lobby of Pourakarmika outsourcing contractors, former city Mayor Narayana, who is also the President of State Pourakarmika Association, alleged that the MCC has failed to directly credit the wages to the Bank account of the Pourakarmikas, despite a clear Government directive in this regard. Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Narayana said that apart from the Government, the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner too has issued an order in this regard. But still the MCC has been paying wages as per the contract system in violation of the order, he noted.

Maintaining that even months after the DC had instructed for direct credit of Pourakarmika salaries, the MCC authorities had failed in executing the order, he alleged that the MCC Council is yet to discuss the issue and is adopting delaying tactics to dodge the order.

Urging the MCC authorities for direct credit of Pourakarmika wages, Narayana cited the example of BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike), where the Civic Body is saving Rs.200 crore annually by direct credit of wages to the Bank accounts of Pourakarmikas.

Asserting that several representations to the MCC authorities in this regard have fallen on deaf ears, he warned that the Pourakarmikas will stage a symbolic demonstration in front of the main MCC office tomorrow (Aug. 26) and will abstain from work in the later days if the MCC Council does not pass an early resolution on direct credit of wages.

He further demanded the MCC to drop the Roster System in Pourakarmika appointments and to pay compensation of Rs.30 lakh in case of death of Pourakarmika on COVID-19 duty. He also demanded bringing Pourakarmikas, who are also among the frontline warriors in the battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, under Jyothi Sanjeevini Health Card scheme.

Association office-bearers N. Mara, G. Mahadeva, Srinivas, R. Shivanna, Mohankumar and others were present during the press meet.

Shelterless families seek clearance of encroached Government lands

Warns of protest in front of CM's residence in Bengaluru on Sept. 4 if demand not met by then

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (MTY&DM)- Seeking clearance of encroached Government lands in Nanjangud taluk that are meant for distribution of sites for the poor, shelterless families will stage a stir in front of the Chief Minister's residence at Bengaluru on Sept. 4. Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, former President of All Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association Girish Madanahalli alleged that some persons have encroached 1-acre-20-guntas of land at Madanahalli in Hullahalli hobli of Nanjangud taluk, that was meant for distribution of sites to the poor.

Claiming that several representations to the Tahsildar and the Deputy Commissioner seeking clearance of encroached lands has received no response so far, Girish maintained that the officials had bowed to the influence of the rich and powerful.

Stating that the poor are being refrained from building houses out of the Rs.5 lakh funds provided by the Government, he warned of staging a stir along with the family members of the shelterless poor, in front of the Chief Minister's residence at Bengaluru on Sept. 4 if the district administration fails to take action by then.

Appointed as In-Charge Taluk Health Officer, Nanjangud

Dr. Eshwar

Mysuru, Aug. 25- The Department of Health and Family Welfare has appointed Dr. Eshwar B. Kanatki as the new Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (In-Charge).

The post was lying vacant following the demise of Dr. S.R. Nagendra who ended his life by hanging at his residence at Alanahalli in city on Aug. 20, alleging harassment by a senior officer in the District Administration.

Dr. Eshwar, who is currently serving as Health Officer at Mugur Primary Health Centre in T. Narasipur taluk of the district, is likely to take charge of the new posting later today, according to sources.

Revision of voters' list

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (SSV)- As per directions from the Election Commission of India, those who are completing 18 years of age as on January 1, 2021 must enrol their names for voters' list.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has, in a press release, said that they must fill Form-6 online and submit all documents required to nearby Block Level Officer or Assistant Returning Officer for inclusion of names in voters' list.

Registration of new names, correction and deletion would take place up to Oct. 31. The draft voters' list would be published on Nov. 16 and objections, if any would be allowed from Nov. 16 to Dec. 15, 2020.

The voters may check details in NVSP portals, Common Service Centres or with BLO or ERO.

The residents may contact Krishnaraja Assembly Constituency Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Mysuru City Corporation (0821-2424070); Chamaraja Assembly Constituency Assistant Commissioner (Administration), MCC (0821-2418840) and voters of Narasimharaja Assembly Constituency Council Secretary, MCC (0821-2418819).

'Act as bridge between Government and people'

Bengaluru, Aug. 25 (SSV)- BJP National Organising General Secretary B.L. Santosh has asked the newly-elected office-bearers to act as a bridge between the Government and the people by undertaking a State-wide tour. At a meeting of General Secretaries and Chairmen of various Morchas of the State unit held here on Sunday, he is learnt to have instructed the newly elected office-bearers not to be complacent but to strive for strengthening the party across the State.

They need to inform people regarding the new schemes announced by BJP-led NDA Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi and B.S. Yediyurappa-led BJP Government in Karnataka.

"Strengthening of party does not mean bringing leaders of other parties to BJP by invoking the names of Modi and Yediyurappa but to make them aware of achievements of BJP Govt. Chairmen of various Morchas are given absolute freedom and they need to use this to strengthen party."

Santosh, according to sources, told them that party would not become strong on its own unless they tour the State to explain the achievements of the Modi Government and the Yediyurappa Government.

"Don't be complacent that our party is in power and all programmes and schemes will reach without anybody's help. Your duty is to tell people what our Governments are doing."

Validity of Motor Vehicle records extended till Dec.31

New Delhi, Aug. 25- In view of the COVID-19 crisis, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has extended the validity of the Driving License (DL) of vehicle drivers and the required transport records of all vehicles till Dec. 31, 2020.

Accordingly, the DL of drivers and Fitness Certificate, Permit, License and Registration of Transport Vehicles will get validated till Dec. 31, 2020.

Earlier, the Government had set Mar.30 and June 9 as the date of validity. But now the validity has again been extended and will be in force till Dec. 31, 2020. The validity extension is applicable to all DLs and vehicle records whose validity had expired since Feb. 1, 2020 or would expire by Dec. 31, 2020.

Hi-tech technology to increase longevity of palm-leaf manuscripts

ORI becomes first in South India to adopt fumigation method

Dr. S. Subbaraman, former Superintending Archaeological Chemist of ASI, seen with ORI Director Prof. S. Shivarajappa during his visit to the Institute in March this year. Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology Assistant Professor Dr. Rohitha Eswer and students are also seen.

Mysuru, Aug. 25 (PM&SSV)- The Oriental Research Institute (ORI), a treasure trove of priceless palm scripts and paper manuscripts of many centuries, is embarking on an ambitious project of creating a Fumigation Chamber to improve longevity of these manuscripts.

With this, ORI has become the first institute in South India to adopt this technology. This method was very important before going for digitalisation of manuscripts. Though University of Mysore (UoM) was granting this fumigation process, students of Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology and Department of Sanskrit, Maharaja's College, have come forward to do this work as part of internship.

Prof. S. Shivarajappa, Director, ORI, told *SOM* "We have thousands of palm-leaf and paper manuscripts dating back to several centuries. However, the condition of these manuscripts had deteriorated due to various factors despite regular maintenance by staff. The existing manuscripts will be placed inside the Fumigation Chamber to make them free from dust and termite. At one time, around 20-25 manuscripts could be fumigated.

Materials used for cleaning the manuscripts.

With this simple technology, these manuscripts may be preserved for another 400-500 years. It is a continuous process and our staff will be imparted training to undertake this task."

He said a proposal to set up a state-of-the-art laboratory for the chemical treatment of palm scripts and manuscripts would be submitted to the Government. This would help in the conservation of thousands of manuscripts for many centuries to come. Annual maintenance cost of the proposed laboratory may come around Rs. 5 lakh. The Government of Karnataka would be requested to fund for this project, he added.

The Director said the Institute has palm leaves dating back to 4th century and Kautilya's Artha Shastra. Prof. R. Shyama Shastri published a book on Kautilya's contribution to economy, social life and nature way back in 1908. It would be much helpful for research scholars to study palm leaves to understand life of people during those days, he added.

CONCERTED EFFORTS

Dr. Rohitha Eswer, Assistant Professor, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Museology, said he had a passion for the manuscripts since his College days and would visit the ORI regularly. During this time he found that the condition of manuscripts was deteriorating and wanted to do something to preserve them. Upon approaching, Prof. Shivarajappa and the UoM authorities, they gave green signal to use the Department students in this task. Subsequently, he contacted **Dr. S. Subbaraman,** former Superintending Archaeological Chemist, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Government of India and former Director, INTACH, Bengaluru, who personally visited ORI to share his experience in conservation of manuscripts. Dr. Subbaraman is an authority in conservation activities and has played a vital role in preservation of Ajanta and Ellora sites.

He said Dr. Subbaraman was kind enough to give suggestions regarding conservation of manuscripts without damaging its original contents. A number of variety of chemicals will be used for treatment of fungus infested palm scripts and for insects. More importantly, at least a dozen students will be put on this fumigation job daily as part of internship as well as to gain experience. The fumigation process was like a pre-preparation for digitalisation of palm scripts. Only naturally available materials are being used in this process. Once cleaned, it would be easy to read the content ■

Institute Director Prof. S. Shivarajappa inspecting palm-leaf manuscripts.

The priceless manuscripts at Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Braggadocio

Pronunciation: brag-uh-DOH-see-oh.

Meaning: Empty boasting; arrogant pretension : cockiness; a person given to arrogant boasting : braggart.

Origin: Though Braggadocio is not as well-known as other fictional characters like Pollyanna, the Grinch, or Scrooge, in lexicography he holds a special place next to them as one of the many characters whose name has become an established word in English. The English poet Edmund Spenser originally created Braggadocio as a personification of boasting in his epic poem The Faerie Queene. As early as 1594, about four years after the poem was published, English speakers began using the name as a general term for any blustering blowhard.

Example: "The musical numbers, all penned by Miranda, slide easily from the braggadocio of '90s rap to the lilt of Harlem jazz and beyond. Miraculously, nothing sounds excessively show-tuney." — Stephanie Zacharek.

THE ODD WORD

Bakelite

Type of solid plastic.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Barking up the wrong tree

Meaning: Someone who is barking up the wrong tree is making a wrong assumption about someone or something.

Origin: This common expression is believed to come from dogs and hunting. Here is why:

Dogs are sometimes used during hunts because of their strong sense of smell, their ability to chase and track other animals, and they add a bit of extra security for the hunter.

While out hunting in the wild, a dog may give chase if it spots another animal. During the chase, the fleeing animal may attempt to climb a tree to escape its barking pursuer.

Well, dogs aren't great at climbing things, so instead of continuing the pursuit up the tree, they'll usually stay at the bottom and start barking. The barking indicates to the hunter where the fleeing animal is hiding. Now, it's possible that during all of this, the dog, for whatever reason, mistakenly chooses the wrong tree. If this were to happen, he would literally be 'barking up the wrong tree,' as the saying goes.

Anyway, now let's look at how old this idiom is. It goes back to at least the early to mid-19th century. For example, its earliest appearance in print (from what I've seen) is from the Knickerbocker Magazine, 1836:

"You've been barking up the wrong tree, cried the Ohioan."

QUOTE BOX

Love is like a tree, it grows of its own accord, it puts down deep roots into our whole being. **— Victor Hugo**

RIDDLE THIS

What has a thumb and four fingers, but is not a hand?

Answer : A glove.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	8	7	6	9	2	3	5	4
8	7	9	5	3	6	4	1	2
6	3	4	2	8	1	9	7	5
5	1	2	7	4	9	8	6	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Hazard or chance
5 Office boy
9 Seller-Furnished Equip.
12 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
13 Against
14 Former weight for wool
15 Not a boy
16 An authoritative statement (4,4)
18 Flounders; touches lightly
20 Prepared, nearby or willing?
21 Foe, not friend
23 Bluenose or sycophant
25 Boy's name, in short
26 Historic canal
28 Put off clothing?
32 "Take On Me" group (1-2)
33 Debtor's note
34 Red Indian tribe
35 A layman, not of the clergy
37 Dumb person
39 Keep ___ : don't utter a word?
40 Summit
42 Roman 58
44 Lively
47 Frame of mind
48 Thoughts or notions forming basis of political theory
51 Mrs Anil Ambani
54 Born?
55 Death column, in short
56 Famous school
57 Chennai based IPL team
58 Delicate or tender
59 Wicket-keeper __ Kirmani

DOWN

1 Cloth fragment
2 Latin trio
3 Newsman Rajdeep ____
4 Maulana Abul __ Azad
5 Bosom buddies or chums
6 Spanish queen
7 Officers Training School, acronym
8 "N" in TNT?
9 Grecian portico
10 A shallow river crossing
11 A small whirlpool
17 They are woven by spiders
19 Parting word
21 Israeli carrier (2,2)
22 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
23 American Indian tribe
24 Gender abbr.
27 Hoar, frost, or frozen dew
29 State of dampness
30 A case for needles
31 A word meaning 'half'
36 Guitar device - "a cop" anagram?
38 Grandmaster's rating
41 Power lines carrier
43 Franchise items
44 Metallic element
45 March time fatal for Caesar
46 Peep; peer
47 Legendary story
49 Queen's birthday list honour, in short
50 US soldiers
52 Notice of exception, abbr.
53 Word to join two words or sentences

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	O	B	I	■	R	E	A	D	■	A	B	E
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CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GA DFP WQSGP FPYQ QA DFP WZDYGI JZR Z JQWZB,

JQVOU RFP FZSP TPPB LZOOPU GBMYGU?

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Lacking proper instruments, the surgeon had to resect a bowel using plumber's tools - it was a gut-wrenching experience.

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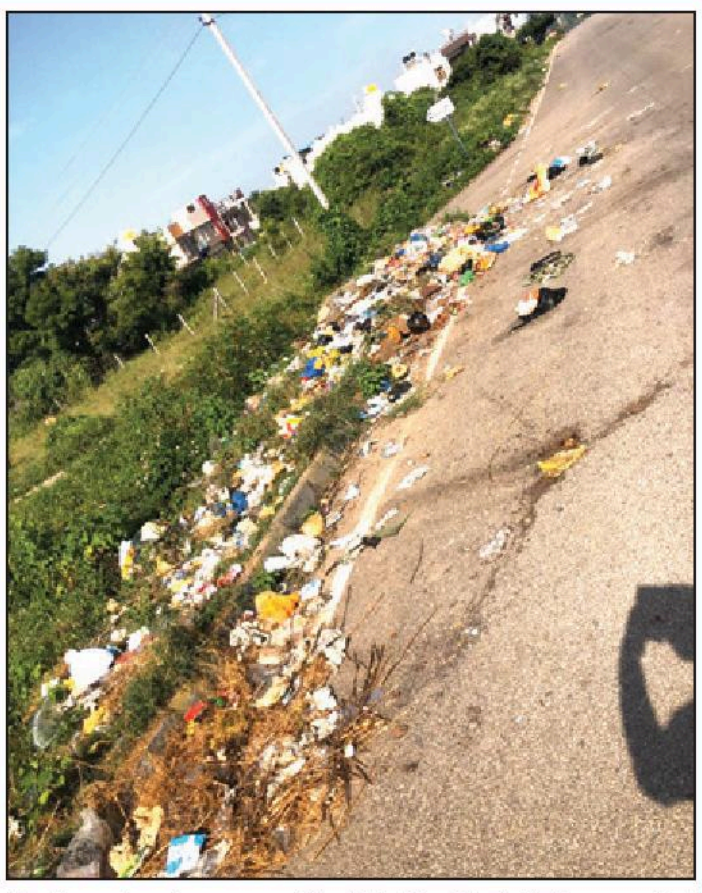
Plea to repair defunct streetlight at Rajivnagar 7th Cross

The streetlight on the 7th Cross at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase near Kaif Masjid is not working since a couple of months causing a lot of problems to the residents and the public to move around during late evening hours. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the defunct streetlight repaired at the earliest.

Uncleared garbage causing problems at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage



Uncleared garbage near Shahida Masjid at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, is causing a lot of problems to the residents as it is emanating foul smell besides wind carrying it to houses. Residents allege that there is no proper door-to-door garbage collection. Garbage is being collected once or twice a week resulting in household garbage being dumped on roadsides and vacant spaces as there are no garbage bins in the area. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared, install garbage bins in the area and also take steps to collect household garbage on a daily basis.

Mahajana FGC hosts Natl. Webinars

Dr. N.S. Rangaraju (centre), retd. Professor, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore, addressing a National Webinar on 'Impact of COVID-19 on Historical and Geographical Tourism in India - A Case Study of Mysore' organised by SBRR Mahajana First Grade College in Jayalakshmipuram.

Mysuru, Aug. 25- Departments of History, Geography and IQAC of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, had recently organised a National Webinar on 'Impact of COVID-19 on Historical and Geographical Tourism in India - A Case Study of Mysore' by Dr. N.S. Rangaraju, retd. Professor, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

Dr. Rangaraju explained how tourism and migration are different from each other. He focused on the cause and effects of COVID-19 on Tourism Department and quoted "Coronavirus - Dark Age of Tourism in India."

He briefed out the painful journey of tourism in Karnataka and pointed out how Mysore State has given priority to tourism. He also listed out the heritage structures which are more than 100 years old.

He also pointed out that UNESCO should identify India and Karnataka as a World Heritage Country and City and review about the progress and development of tourism in heritage cities across the country.

Speaker noted the factors of post Historical Tourism with reference to Mauryan and Roman Empire for the purpose of trade and commerce.

Dr. H. Sreedhara, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of History and Convener of the Webinar, welcomed. Dr. G. Doddarasaiah, Webinar Co-Convener and Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, presided over the session.

At the end of the session, interaction with participants was held. There were over 200 participants from across the country.

Environmental-friendly Technology

The Department of Physics, Environmental Science, along with IQAC of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, had recently organised a National Webinar on 'Environmental-friendly Technology' by Shamsundar Subbarao, Head (NIE-CREST) and Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering-NIE, Mysuru, who is also recognised as Co-ordinator of Mysuru District Bio Fuel I&D Centre, Government of Karnataka.

Shamsundar Subbarao, in his lecture, spoke on reducing Carbon footprints by using biomass technology, setting up a bio plant, use of rainwater harvesting techniques, bio-fuel, re-using of waste water for the sustainability of environment. He pointed out how technology helps in implementing these eco-friendly ways. Use of solar energy, micro grids, sustainable building materials are some of the other environmental-friendly technologies people should adopt, he added.

The speaker also briefed about his eco-friendly work in different villages in Mysuru. He has built eco-friendly house for Anganwadi workers with bamboo and mud inclusion along with rainwater harvesting.

He also explained his work in the lab where bio-fuel is generated using cooked oil.

He also demonstrated the implementation of bio compost in the residential places and stressed the use of recycled water for growing vegetables.

Dr. P.G. Pushparani, Principal (in-charge), presided over the session.

M.H. Sunitha, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Environmental Science and Convenor of the Webinar, welcomed. S. Poornima, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, proposed a vote of thanks.

The presentation was followed by an interaction session and various queries raised by the participants made it clear that people are willing to adopt eco-friendly ways and therefore related information should be made available easily and often.

More than 200 participants from across the country were part of the webinar.

LaTex and its applications

Mysuru, Aug. 25- Departments of Computer Science, BCA and IQAC of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College had recently organised a National Webinar on 'LaTex and its Applications.'

Dr. Manjunth Aradhya

Dr. V.N. Manjunth Aradhya, Associate Professor, Head, Department of Computer Applications, JSS Science & Technology University, Mysuru, was the resource person.

The resource person gave a brief introduction to typesetting systems, later on he moved on to the brief history of LaTex. He gave a detailed presentation on the tools available in LaTex, its benefits and usage.

He made a brief comparison between MS Word and LaTex with demonstration, showing how reports could be generated with its features.

He stressed upon its usage in the fields of Mathematics, Engineering and Scientific documentations which is the order of the day.

A total of 400 participants, including students, research scholars and academicians, from India and abroad participated in the Webinar. Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal, SBRR Mahajana FGC, presided over the session. Shruthy Poonacha, HoD, Computer Science and K.S. Manjunath, HoD, BCA and others were present.

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